

appropriation in this Act shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned for not more than one year, or both: *Provided further*, That the above penalty clause shall be in addition to, and not in substitution for, any other provisions of existing law.

SEC. 7. No part of any money appropriated herein or included under any contract authority herein granted shall be expended for the payment of any commission on any land purchase contract in excess of 2 per centum of the purchase price.

SEC. 8. This Act may be cited as the "Naval Appropriation Act, 1942".

Approved, May 6, 1941.

Commissions on land purchase contracts.

Short title.

[CHAPTER 87]

AN ACT

Relating to certain inspections and investigations in coal mines for the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions, accidents, and occupational diseases therein, and for other purposes.

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[H. R. 2082]

[Public Law 49]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is hereby authorized and empowered to make or cause to be made annual or necessary inspections and investigations in coal mines the products of which regularly enter commerce or the operations of which substantially affect commerce—

Coal mines, inspections and investigations.

(a) For the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions in such mines, the causes of accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life in such mines, or the causes of occupational diseases originating in such mines, whenever such health or safety conditions, accidents, or occupational diseases burden or obstruct commerce or threaten to burden or obstruct commerce.

Information relating to health and safety, etc.

(b) For the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions in such mines, the causes of accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life in such mines, or the causes of occupational diseases originating in such mines, as a basis for determining the most effective manner in which the public funds made available for the protection or advancement of health or safety in coal mines, and for the prevention or relief of accidents or occupational diseases therein may be expended for the accomplishment of such objects.

Basis for expenditure of public funds.

(c) For the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions in such mines, the causes of accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life in such mines, or the causes of occupational diseases, originating in such mines, as a basis for the preparation and dissemination of reports, studies, statistics, and other educational materials pertaining to the protection or advancement of health or safety in coal mines and to the prevention or relief of accidents or occupational diseases in coal mines.

Data for educational materials.

(d) For the purpose of obtaining information relating to accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life in such mines or relating to occupational diseases originating in such mines, to be transmitted to the Bureau of the Census for use in connection with the preparation and compilation of the various Census reports.

Transmittal of information to Bureau of Census.

(e) For the purpose of obtaining information relating to health and safety conditions in such mines, the causes of accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life in such mines, or the causes of occupational diseases originating in such mines, to be transmitted to the Congress for its consideration in connection with legislative matters involving health and safety conditions, accidents, or occupational diseases in coal mines.

Transmittal of information to Congress.

Inspections at other than annual intervals.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is further authorized and empowered to make or cause to be made the inspections and investigations provided for in section 1 of this Act at other than annual intervals at any time in his discretion when the making of such inspections or investigations in the mine concerned will be in furtherance of the purposes of this Act.

Admission to mine for inspection.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, or any duly authorized representative of such Bureau, shall be entitled to admission to any coal mine the products of which regularly enter commerce or the operations of which substantially affect commerce, for the purpose of making any inspection or investigation authorized under section 1 or section 2 of this Act.

Refusal of admission.

SEC. 4. Any owner, lessee, agent, manager, superintendent, or other person having control or supervision of any coal mine subject to the provisions of section 1 or section 2 of this Act who refuses to admit the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, or any duly authorized representative of such Bureau, to such mine, pursuant to the provisions of section 3 of this Act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500 or by imprisonment not exceeding sixty days, or by both.

Punishment.

Report of mine accidents.

SEC. 5. Every owner, lessee, agent, manager, superintendent, or other person having control or supervision of any coal mine the products of which regularly enter commerce or the operations of which substantially affect commerce shall furnish to the Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, or to any duly authorized representative of such Bureau, upon request, complete and correct information to the best of his knowledge concerning any or all accidents involving bodily injury or loss of life which occurred in such mine during the calendar year in which the request is made or during the preceding calendar year.

Authority and duties prescribed.

SEC. 6. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, is hereby authorized and directed—

Annual report to Congress.

(a) To report annually to the Congress, either in summary or detailed form, the information obtained by him under this Act, together with such findings and comments thereon and such recommendations for legislative action as he may deem proper;

Findings and recommendations.

(b) To compile, analyze, and publish, either in summary or detailed form, the information obtained by him under this Act, together with such findings concerning the causes of unhealthy or unsafe conditions, accidents, or occupational diseases in coal mines, and such recommendations for the prevention or amelioration of unhealthy or unsafe conditions, accidents, or occupational diseases in coal mines as he may deem proper;

Dissemination of educational materials.

(c) To prepare and disseminate reports, studies, statistics, and other educational materials pertaining to the protection or advancement of health or safety in coal mines and to the prevention or relief of accidents or occupational diseases in coal mines;

Expenditure of funds.

(d) To expend the funds made available to him for the protection or advancement of health or safety in coal mines, and for the prevention or relief of accidents or occupational diseases therein, in such lawful manner as he may deem most effective in the light of the information obtained under this Act to promote the accomplishment of the objects for which such funds are granted;

Census reports.

(e) To transmit to the Director of the Census, either in summary or detailed form, the information obtained by him under this Act, for use in connection with the preparation and compilation of the various Census reports; and

(f) To make available for public inspection, either in summary or detailed form, the information obtained under this Act, as soon as practicable after the acquisition of such information.

Public inspection of information.

SEC. 7. The execution of the provisions of this Act shall devolve upon the United States Bureau of Mines and the Secretary of the Interior may designate other bureaus or offices in the Department of the Interior to cooperate with the United States Bureau of Mines for such purpose. In order to promote sound and effective coordination of Federal and local activities within the field covered by this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, and the several bureaus and offices under his jurisdiction, shall cooperate with the official mine inspection or safety agencies of the several States and Territories, and, with the consent of the proper authorities thereof, may utilize the services of such agencies in connection with the administration of this Act. Copies of all findings, recommendations, reports, studies, statistics and information made public under the authority of clauses (b), (c), and (f) of section 6 of this Act shall, whenever practicable, be furnished any cooperating State or Territorial agency which may request the same.

Coordination of Federal and local activities.

SEC. 8. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, may, in his discretion, create and establish an advisory committee composed of not more than six members to exercise consultative functions, when required by the Secretary, in connection with the administration of this Act. The said committee shall be composed of representatives of coal-mine owners and of representatives of coal-mine workers in equal number. The members of said committee shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior without regard to the civil-service laws.

Advisory committee.

SEC. 9. The Secretary of the Interior, acting through the United States Bureau of Mines, shall have authority to appoint, subject to the civil-service laws, such officers and employees as he may deem requisite for the administration of this Act; to fix, subject to the Classification Act of 1923, as amended, the compensation of officers and employees so appointed; and to prescribe the powers, duties, and responsibilities of all officers and employees engaged in the administration of this Act: *Provided, however*, That in the selection of persons for appointment as coal-mine inspectors no person shall be so selected unless he has the basic qualification of at least five years' practical experience in the mining of coal, and is recognized by the United States Bureau of Mines as having the training or experience of a practical mining engineer in those essentials necessary for competent coal-mine inspection; and in detailing coal-mine inspectors to the inspection and investigation of individual mines, due consideration shall be given to their previous practical experience in the work of mining coal in the State, district, or region where such inspections are to be made.

Administrative personnel.

42 Stat. 1488.
5 U. S. C. §§ 661-674.
Post, p. 613.

Proviso.
Qualifications of inspectors.

SEC. 10. There are hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as may be necessary for the due execution of this Act.

Appropriation authorized.
Post, p. 553.

SEC. 11. For the purposes of this Act, the term "commerce" means trade, traffic, commerce, transportation, or communications between any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia and any other State, Territory, or possession, of the United States, or between any State, Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia and any foreign country, or wholly within any Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia, or between points in the same State if passing through any other State or through any Territory, possession, or the District of Columbia or through any foreign country.

"Commerce" defined.

Separability of provisions.

SEC. 12. If any provision of this Act, or the application thereof to any person or circumstance, is held invalid, the remainder of this Act, and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby.

Approved, May 7, 1941.

[CHAPTER 88]

AN ACT

To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Ohio River at or near Cannelton, Perry County, Indiana.

May 9, 1941

[H. R. 1824]
[Public Law 50]

Ohio River.
Bridge authorized
across, at Cannelton,
Ind.

34 Stat. 84.
33 U. S. C. §§ 491-
498.

Right to acquire real
estate, etc.

Tolls.

Application of tolls
to operation, sinking
fund, etc.

Maintenance as free
bridge.

Records.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to promote interstate commerce, improve the postal service, and provide for military and other purposes, the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Ohio River, at a point suitable to the interest of navigation at or near Cannelton, Perry County, Indiana, in accordance with the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters", approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations contained in this Act.

SEC. 2. There is hereby conferred upon the Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission all such rights and powers to enter upon lands and to acquire, condemn, occupy, possess, and use real estate and other property needed for the location, construction, maintenance, and operation of such bridge and its approaches as are possessed by railroad corporations for railroad purposes or by bridge corporations for bridge purposes in the State in which such real estate or other property is situated, upon making just compensation therefor, to be ascertained and paid according to the laws of such State, and the proceedings therefor shall be the same as in the condemnation or expropriation of property for public purposes in such State.

SEC. 3. The said Indiana State Toll Bridge Commission is hereby authorized to fix and charge tolls for transit over such bridge, and the rates of toll so fixed shall be the legal rates until changed by the Secretary of War under the authority contained in the Act of March 23, 1906.

SEC. 4. In fixing the rates of toll to be charged for the use of such bridge the same shall be so adjusted as to provide a fund sufficient to pay for the reasonable cost of maintaining, repairing, and operating the bridge and its approaches under economical management, and to provide a sinking fund sufficient to amortize the cost of such bridge and its approaches, including interest at a rate of not to exceed 5 per centum per annum and reasonable financing cost, as soon as possible, under reasonable charges, but within a period of not to exceed thirty years from the completion thereof. After a sinking fund sufficient for such amortization shall have been provided, such bridge shall thereafter be maintained and operated free of tolls. An accurate record of the cost of the bridge and its approaches, the expenditures for maintaining, repairing, and operating the same, and of the daily tolls collected shall be kept and shall be available for the information of all persons interested.

SEC. 5. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, May 9, 1941.